

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	27 September 1999
Name of applicant/court:	Secretary for Internal Affairs
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	Chapter 12 "A Week In The Tropics"
Other Known Titles:	Email To Irene
Director:	Not Applicable
Producer:	Not Applicable
Publisher:	Not Stated
Author:	Not Stated
Format:	Computer Printout
Country of Origin:	Not Stated
Language:	English

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Components of film originally examined: Not Applicable.

Feature:	Running time:
Trailers:	Running time:
	Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Unrestricted.

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The computer printout entitled *Chapter 12 "A Week In The Tropics"* also known as *Email To Irene* has been classified as:
Unrestricted.

The computer printout deals with matters of horror. The publication contains a small chapter of a larger work which describes the decomposition of a woman's body in a special temperature controlled environment. The description focuses on the fifth, sixth, and seventh days following death. While the description is vivid it is also brief and written in a manner consistent with the horror genre which mitigates the strength of the description.

The format of the publication, a computer printout of a chapter of a story sent over the Internet, is a significant consideration. Computer technology allows easy reproduction and distribution of such material via national and international telecommunications networks. While the publication is ostensibly a private communication, its electronic medium does create a wide availability.

Consideration has been given to the relevant provisions of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 (NZBR Act) as they relate to this publication. The matters of horror raised in this publication are such that its availability is unlikely to be injurious to the public good and consequently no restriction is placed on the publication. The freedom of expression contained in the NZBR Act is not limited by this classification, therefore no further consideration need be given.

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